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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 17173

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: S.C. SHUKLA: NEW MP CHIEF MINISTER, OLD-TIME POLITICIAN

1. S.C. SHUKLA WAS SWORN IN AS MADHYA PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER YESTERDAY. HE SUCCEEDS P.C. SETHI WHO WILL BE MOVING TO THE UNION CABINET AS MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.

2. S.C. SHUKLA SERVED AS CHIEF MINISTER OF MADHYA PRADESH FROM 1969-1972. HE IS THE OLDER BROTHER OF UNION INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING MINISTER, V.C. SHUKLA, AND THE SON OF MP'S FIRST CHIEF MINISTER, R.S. SHUKLA. HE HEADS THE LARGEST OF FOUR MAIN CONGRESS FACTIONS IN THE SPRAWLING, MULTI-REGIONAL STATE.

3. SHUKLA'S BRAHMIN CASTE AND FAMILY STATUS, IN ADDITION TO HIS POLITICAL FOLLOWING, WERE PROBABLY THE MAIN REASONS WHY MRS. GANDHI HAS GIVEN HIM ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO RUN ONE OF INDIA'S MOST DIFFICULT TO GOVERN STATES. SHUKLA, HOWEVER, PROVED TO BE EXCESSIVELY CAUTIOUS, UNIMAGINATIVE AND OVERLY RESPONSIVE TO PRESSURES FROM VESTED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS DURING HIS UNPRODUCTIVE EARLIER CHIEF MINISTER-  
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SHIP. HIS POLITICAL SUPPORT IS BASICALLY LIMITED TO EASTERN

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4. IN SHORT, THOUGH THE BEST BET TO MAINTAIN A POLITICAL  
BALANCE IN FACTION RIDDEN, MULTI-REGIONAL M.P., S.C.  
SHUKLA IS NOT THE TYPE OF CANDIDATE WHO WILL ENERGETICALLY  
IMPLEMENT MRS. GANDHI'S PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
PROGRAMS.  
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